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COPENHAGEN, JUNE 12, 1978: SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 3904

(B) COPENHAGEN 3770

1. MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PETER DYVIG, SAID
THAT THE QUESTION OF INCREASED EC PRESSURES ON SOUTH
AFRICA WAS DISCUSSEDBY FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THEIR
TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR LUNCH ON JUNE 12. HIS BRIEFING
WAS BASED ON DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN'S
ACCOUNT TO HIM LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.
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2. DYVIG SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED DISCUSSION
OF ZAIRE (SEPTEL), THE MINISTERS HAD LITTLE TIME LEFT
FOR SOUTH AFRICA, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOME OF THE PARTI-
CIPANTS HAD TO LEAVE BY 1600 HOURS. ESSENTIALLY,
MINISTERS TOSSED THE QUESTION BACK TO THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK TO IDENTIFY NEW WAYS

TO EXERT EC PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH A DECLARATION BY THE NINE CALLING FOR REDUCED SPORTING CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN PREPARED AND AGREED ON FOR SOME TIME, FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO ISSUE IT ALONE WITHOUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEASURES (REF B).

3. DYVIG NOTED THAT DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESS YESTERDAY (REF A), ANDERSEN SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA COULD MOVE EITHER FAST OR SLOW. THERE IS MOVEMENT, SAID K.B., BUT IT IS TAKING PLACE MORE SLOWLY THAN HE WOULD LIKE.

4. DYVIG CONCLUDED THAT THE DANES ARE PLEASED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN ITEM HAS BEEN KEPT ON THE AGENDA OF FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS AND THAT IT WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT BONN.

5. COMMENT: DYVIG PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON DANISH REACTIONS TO EC INACTIVITY ON THIS QUESTION. BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE DANES ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE ANY PERCEPTIBLE MOVEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE SIX MONTHS OF THEIR PRESIDENCY. REFERRING THE QUESTION BACK TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL RESULT ONLY IN BURYING IT FOR THE TIME BEING. THE DANES HAVE REPEATEDLY
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MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT OFFICIALS ARE AT A STANDSTILL AND THAT WHAT IS NOW NEEDED ARE POLITICAL DECISIONS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL (REF B). END COMMENT.
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